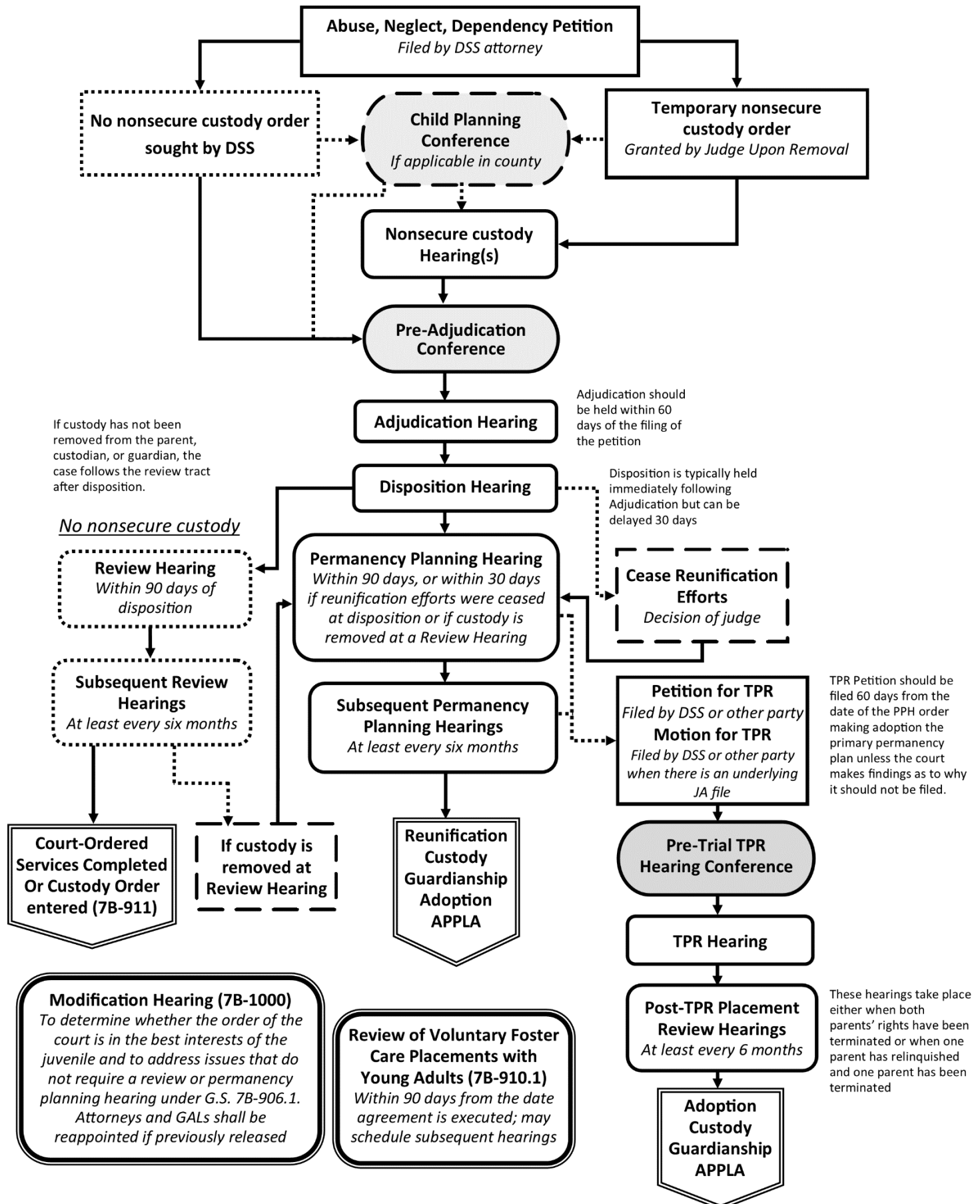


Juvenile JA/JT Court Process Flowchart



Stages of Abuse, Neglect, Dependency, and TPR Cases

<u>Permanency Planning Track</u> If custody has been removed from parent, custodian, or guardian		<u>Review Track</u> If custody has NOT been removed from parent, custodian, or guardian		
Step	Name of Event • <i>Timing</i>	Step	Name of Event • <i>Timing</i>	Authority
1.	Abuse/Neglect/ Dependency Petition Filed	1.	Abuse/Neglect/Dependency Petition Filed	7B-302
2.	Child Planning Conference (optional) • <i>Within 3 days of A/N/D filing</i>	2.	Child Planning Conference (optional) • <i>Within 3 days of A/N/D filing</i>	Local Agreement
3a.	Initial Nonsecure Custody (NSC) Hearing • <i>Within 7 calendar days of removal NSC order being signed</i>			7B-500; 7B-502 to 7B-507
3b.	Second NSC Hearing • <i>Within 7 business days of first NSC Hearing</i>			
3c.	Subsequent NSC Hearing(s) • <i>Within 30-day intervals of prior NSC Hearing(s)</i>			
4.	Pre-Adjudication Hearing • <i>Prior to the Adjudication Hearing</i>	3.	Pre-Adjudication Hearing • <i>Prior to the Adjudication Hearing</i>	7B-800.1
5.	Adjudication (ADJ) Hearing • <i>Within 60 days from the date of the A/N/D petition filing, unless the judge finds good reason to delay the hearing</i>	4.	Adjudication (ADJ) Hearing • <i>Within 60 days from the date of the A/N/D petition filing, unless the judge finds good reason to delay the hearing</i>	7B-801 7B-802 7B-805 7B-807
6.	Disposition Hearing • <i>Immediately following ADJ or within 30 days of the ADJ ruling</i>	5.	Disposition Hearing • <i>Immediately following ADJ or within 30 days of the ADJ ruling</i>	7B-507; 7B-900 to 7B-905
7.	Permanency Planning Hearing (PPH): Judge establishes primary and secondary permanency plan • <i>Within 90 days of the Disposition Hearing</i>	6.	Review Hearing • <i>Within 90 days of Disposition Hearing</i>	7B-906.1 7B-906.2
8.*	Subsequent PPHs: Judge reviews and modifies plan as needed • <i>At least every 6 months</i>	7.	Subsequent Review Hearings • <i>At least every six months</i>	7B-906.1
9.	Review of Placement Hearing: Only scheduled in cases when both parents have relinquished their parental rights • <i>At least every 6 months</i>			7B-909
		End	Court-Ordered Services Completed or Custody Order Entered • <i>Judge orders no further review hearings</i>	7B-906.1 7B-911
		^	<i>If custody is removed at a review hearing, then a PPH shall be held within 30 days unless the review hearing was noticed and held as a PPH. The case then follows the Permanency Planning Track</i>	7B-906.1
End	Reunification, Custody, or Guardianship Ordered; Adoption Finalized; Juvenile Turns 18			7B-906.1 7B-600 FCAC

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goal is within 510 days; Judge orders no further hearings or jurisdiction is terminated. Jurisdiction can be terminated by operation of law (juvenile turns 18) or by order of the court (G.S. 7B-911 order) 		
10.*	Termination of Parental Rights (TPR) Petition/Motion Filed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Within 60 days of change of primary plan 		7B-1102 7B-1103 7B-1104
11.	TPR Pretrial Hearing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prior to or combined with the TPR Hearing 		7B-1108.1
12.	Termination of Parental Rights Hearing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Within 90 days of the filing of the TPR petition 		7B-1109 7B-1110 7B-1111
13.	Post-TPR Placement Review Hearings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Within 6 months of granted TPR order for both parents or when one parent's rights have been terminated and one has relinquished, and every subsequent 6 months 		7B-908
End**	Custody or Guardianship Ordered; Adoption Finalized; Juvenile Turns 18 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Judge orders no further hearings or jurisdiction is terminated. Jurisdiction can be terminated by operation of law (juvenile turns 18) or by order of the court (G.S. 7B-911 order) 		7B-1112.1 7B-906.1 7B-600 7B-911
14.#	Modification Hearing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shall not be held until GAL and Attorney Advocate have been reappointed, if previously released 		7B-1000
15.+	Review of Voluntary Foster Care Placements with Young Adults <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Within 90 days from execution of voluntary placement agreement • Court may schedule additional hearings to monitor • If DSS elects to terminate the agreement over objection of the young adult, DSS shall file a motion to bring the matter back before the court for resolution 		7B-910.1

* If a judge orders the primary plan to be adoption at a PPH hearing, a Termination of Parental Rights Petition should be filed within 60 days of that order unless the court makes findings as to why it should not be filed

** If a judge orders the plan to be Another Planned Permanent Living Arrangement (APPLA), the Post-TPR hearings will continue to be held at least every six months until the juvenile reaches the age of 18.

Modification hearings are not required in the tracks, but they can be motioned for by any party to ask the court to consider issues that do not require a review or permanency planning hearing pursuant to 7B-906.1. If attorneys for the parties, guardian ad litem, and attorney advocate have been released, they shall be reappointed.

+ The only parties in Voluntary Foster Care Placements with Young Adult Hearings will be DSS and the young adult. Young adults who turn 18 while in the care of DSS are eligible to enter into a Voluntary Foster Care Placement Agreement with DSS from age 18-21.